

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 21-27, 29 and 31 as follows:

**LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS**

Claims 1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A compound fabric for making protective wear comprising:

- a) an upper layer having at least one layer of a first non-woven fabric, the upper layer is water repellant and air permeable;
  - 5        b) a middle layer of a woven fabric coated with a water proof and air permeable material, the woven fabric being one of a plain woven fabric and a knitted fabric; and
  - 10        c) a lower layer having at least one layer of a second non-woven fabric, the middle layer being located between the upper layer and the lower layer,
- wherein the upper layer, the middle layer, and the lower layer being bonded together.

21. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the upper layer, the middle layer, and the lower layer are bonded together by ultrasonic welding.

22. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the upper layer, the middle layer, and the lower layer are bonded together by adhesive lamination.

23. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the first non-woven fabric and the second non-woven fabric are made of polypropylene fibers.

24. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the first non-woven fabric and the second non-woven fabric are made of polyethylene fibers.

25. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the woven fabric of the middle layer is the plain woven fabric.

26. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the woven fabric of the middle layer is the knitted fabric.

27. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the water proof and air permeable material coating the middle layer is a water proof and air permeable resin.

28. (Previously Presented) The compound fabric according to claim 27, wherein the water proof and air permeable resin is a polyurethane resin.

29. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the water proof and air permeable material coating the middle layer is a water proof and air permeable film.

30. (Previously Presented) The compound fabric according to claim 29, wherein the water proof and air permeable film is a polyurethane film.

31. (Currently Amended) The compound fabric according to claim ~~18~~, 20, wherein the woven fabric of the middle layer is made of synthetic fibers.

32. (Previously Presented) The compound fabric according to claim 31, wherein the synthetic fibers are polyester fibers.

33. (Previously Presented) The compound fabric according to claim 31, wherein the synthetic fibers are polyamide fibers.